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September 17, 2007

Mr. Sam Chummar, Remedial Project Manager
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Re: Plainwell Mill Banks Emergency Action, Plainwell, Michigan

Dear Sam:

Weyerhaeuser Company continues to appreciate your input and timely review of the various deliverables being submitted to support the Plainwell Mill Banks Emergency Action. We recognize that the limited review time is a challenge given workload demands and time needed for the concurrent activities underway along the Kalamazoo River at this time. We also understand the urgency to complete paper residuals excavation work upstream of the Highway 131 bridge during this current construction season in order to better protect the downstream areas from possible recontamination over the 2008 winter season and spring thaw. Thus, we are requesting that you provide expedited approval of site preparation activities associated with the Emergency Action for the former Plainwell Mill Banks as soon as possible, no later than September 26, 2007. The work activities covered by this request are described in Section 2.2 of the Plainwell Mill Banks Emergency Action Design Report submitted for your review on September 5, 2007.

Based upon the schedule in both the Conceptual Design Approach Report and Design Report, the site preparation work needs to be completed in September to allow initiation of the paper residuals removal activities by early October. Specific site preparation tasks that need to be initiated and completed quickly are:

1. Mobilizing construction support equipment to site.
2. Clearing of construction zones to allow preparation of the top of bank work platform.
3. Completing pre-excavation survey of the banks.
4. Confirming outfall types and determining outfall management approaches.
5. Constructing residuals containment area.
6. Installing water quality monitoring equipment.
7. Staging of the on-site wastewater treatment unit.
8. Establishing decontamination system.
9. Implementing field and visitor health and safety procedures.

We appreciate your timely response to this request. Please contact me, Jim Hutchens, or Kathy Huibregtse at RMT, Inc. if you would like to discuss this request further or need additional clarification. I will be contacting you by telephone soon to confirm your receipt of this letter via e-mail and a hard copy will be sent to you by tomorrow.

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Thank you in advance for your assistance on this time-sensitive matter.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Hale", written over the printed name.

Jennifer Hale
Environmental Manager

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